

**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

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**February 18, 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you are worshipping today at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. May your experience with God here be a blessing!

ACCESS FOR ALL: While we stand often during the service, please assume a posture of reverence which you are able or comfortable. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located in the Parish Hall through the kitchen. If you'd like Communion brought to your seat, our Pastor will gladly assist you. Activity bulletins are available for young worshippers (see ushers or Pastor).

***How do I find worship music?***

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red book in your pew)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (the green book in your pew)

AAH - African American Heritage (the beige book in your pew)

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Have questions? Interested in baptism or membership? Please speak with our ***Pastor Kimberly Vaughn*** after service Or, call 201.433.1836.

P-Pastor    C-Congregation

Prelude

Welcome

**GATHERING**

Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

O How I Love Jesus (AAH 291)

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Kyrie**

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

### **Salutation**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

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P: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **WORD**

Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert

First Reading	Genesis 9:8-17
Psalmody	Psalm 25:1-10
Second Reading	1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel	Mark 1:9-15

### **First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17**

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10**

Your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (*Ps. 25:10*)

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O Lord,

I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O Lord,  
and teach | me your paths. R**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way. R**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. R**

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(In honor of God's Good News to us in Jesus, we stand or assume a posture of reverence to receive the reading of the Gospel.)*

**C: Come by here, dear Lord, come by here. Come by here, dear Lord, come by here. Come by here, dear Lord, come by here. O, Lord, come by here.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children's Time**

The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

*(Children are welcome to come forward for a special message.)*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Hymn of the Day:**

Yield Not to Temptation (AAH 429)

**The Apostles' Creed**

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people (*especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation (*organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### **Greeting of Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(We share a sign of Christ's peace—a wave, handshake, smile, hug—however you are comfortable!)*

*Please be seated.*

### **Offering & Offertory Music**

*(In response to hearing God's Word, we respond with joy in our offering.)*

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the**



**bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

### **Offertory Prayer**

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Words of Institution**

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my

body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught...

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*Please be seated.*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymn:** I Want Jesus to Walk With Me (ELW 325)

**Distribution of Communion**

*(Please bring the communion back to your seat to eat and drink. Someone will collect the cups afterwards.)*

*Please stand as able.*

**Post-Communion Canticle:** God is So Good

*GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME.*

*HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE'S SO GOOD TO ME.*

*HE'S ALL I NEED, HE'S ALL I NEED, HE'S ALL I NEED HE'S SO GOOD TO ME.*

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**Announcements**

*(Please see the last page.)*

## SENDING

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

### **Benediction**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Standing on the Promises (AAH 373)

Closing Anthem

Jesus Remember Me

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Please Remember Our Sick and Shut-Ins:**

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### **Worship Participants**

Ministers           The People of Christ Our Redeemer  
Pastor               Reverend Kimberly Vaughn  
Pianist              Kim Norton  
Lector:              Toni Mabry  
Counters:           Janasia Carter and TBD  
Usher:               Corey Brooks and Joy Griggs

*Thank you to those who assisted in today's worship.*

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### **Our Parish Calendar**

#### **February Birthdays:**

**James Gumbs           9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jakiya Carter           18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pastor Kimberly       22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Torren Green           25<sup>th</sup>**

#### **February Baptism Anniversaries:**

#### **Worship Assistants for 2/25/2024**

Lector:              Jameka Carter  
Counters:            TBD  
Usher:                Corey Brooks and Joy Griggs

#### **Worship Assistants for 3/3/2024**

Lector:              Timekia Carter  
Counters:            Jameka Carter and TBD  
Usher:                TBD

#### **Worship Assistants for 3/10/2024**

Lector:              Janasia Carter  
Counters:            BD  
Usher:                TBD

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### Congregational:

- BRITISH SWIM SCHOOL rescheduled their presentation at Christ Our Redeemer to Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for coming to support them!
- LENTEN SERVICES: Joint supper/worship with area churches begins on Wednesday, February 21 at Grace, Bayonne. Meal begins at 6 pm and worship begins at 7 pm.
- COUNCIL MEETINGS: Our March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th. Please note the date changes!
- LENTEN DEVOTIONS are available for pick up in either regular or large print at the church. Take yours home today.
- BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. for study and conversation on “Daily Discipleship”. See Pastor Kimberly for details.
- HOLY BAPTISM: If you or your child are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Kimberly.
- FIRST COMMUNION: Do you have a child ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion? Please see Pastor Kimberly.
- LOOSE CHANGE: Got any spare change? Drop it in the jar after worship—all monies go towards the building fund.
- Please see page 9 for the list of upcoming worship assistants.

### NJ Synod and Community:

- The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. Late fee (Feb. 15—April 15) is \$475. MYLE and tAble registration fee is \$190 (Waived restriction apply). A \$150 nonrefundable and registration fee are due at sign-up.

**126<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF WITNESS AND SERVICE TO CHRIST  
THROUGH GOD’S WORD, THE LIGHT AND THE TRUTH,  
WE INVITE ALL TO GROW IN CHRIST**

*† Connected to Christ † Connected to Each Other † Connected to Community*

**Wednesday Supper &  
Worship w/ friends**

**(6 p.m.):**

2/21 - Grace Lutheran,  
Bayonne

3/6 - Bethany Lutheran,  
JC

3/13 - Trinity Lutheran, JC

**Christ Our Redeemer  
Lutheran Church**  
Jersey City, NJ



**At Christ Our  
Redeemer:**

Wednesday 2/28 & 3/20

- Supper & worship  
beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Worship  
3/24 - 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday 3/28 -  
6:30 p.m.

Good Friday 3/29 - 6:30  
p.m.

Holy Saturday 3/30 -  
Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday 3/31 - 9:30  
a.m.

***Lent & Holy Week @Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran  
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